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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-14 are pending. As suggested by the Examiner, page 2 of the specification has been amended to spell out the full name *Polypedilum vanderplanki*. Claims 1, 2 and 4 have also been amended to refer to *Polypedilum vanderplanki*. New Claim 5 finds support in original Claim 4. Claims 6-14 find support as follows: Claim 6 (page 5, Example 4), Claim 7 (page 7, Example 3), Claims 8-10 (page 7, lines 15-19), Claims 11-12 (page 7, last two paragraphs), and Claims 13-14 (page 8, lines 4-5). Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been added. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Priority

The Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging their priority claim. If required, an English translation of this document can be supplied.

Objection to the Specification

The objection to the specification page 2 is moot in view of the amendment of the specification.

Objections to Claims

Claims 3 and 4 were objected to for various informalities. These objections are moot in view of the amendment of these claims.

Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as lacking enablement for dry-preserving tissues other than *P. vanderplanki*. The Applicants thank the

Examiner for indicating that the methods as directed to *P. vanderplanki* are enabled. These rejections are now moot in view of the above amendments.

Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The phrase “evaporating distilled water in the drying container” was objected to as being unclear. The Applicants respectfully submit that this claim is clear when read in light of the specification. For example, experimental Example 2 on page 5, starting at line 4, describes such a drying container. Moreover, Claim 2 has been amended to provide further antecedent basis for the term “distilled water”. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Watanabe, J. Exp. Bio. 205:2799 (September, 2002). Watanabe et al. was published on September 15, 2002 as shown on the attached printout from the J. Exp. Biology website. The Applicants submit that this document will be removed as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) upon submission of a certified English translation of their foreign priority document.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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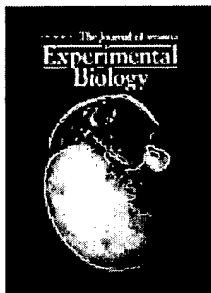


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